RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Miss D. H. Watts, Directress, State Guests Department—Pay Bh. Rs. 600 and Pension Rs. 442-4-0 and Mr. S. C. H. Robinson, Game Warden—Pay Rs. 400 and Pension Rs. 610-20-0.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether any age-limit has been fixed for these officers?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Government have in contemplation any proposal to give any more pension or gratuity to these officers for their second service?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether these officers are to be given any pension for their service after retirement?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have just answered that question in the negative.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): We here, did not hear.

Koran in Law Courts.

225. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the swearing on Koran by Muslim witnesses is insisted on in the Criminal Courts of the State as indispensable?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): What is the general practice in Criminal Courts in regard to swearing by the Muslim witnesses?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If any Muslim objects to touching the Koran while swearing, he is not compelled to do so?

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that only solemn affirmation is insisted upon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think so.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Have the Government received any complaint in this matter?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Importation of Scindhi Bulls.

226. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether infection of tuberculosis is being caused among the cattle by the importation of Scindhi bulls and cows;

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(*b*) whether the Scindhi bulls and cows are examined as soon as they are imported into Travancore to ascertain whether they are suffering from tuberculosis; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the method of test that is being applied?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Tuberculin test by intra-dermal inoculation.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the President of the Imperial Animal Disease Conference has published a report, for the general information of the public and of the Government, with regard to the infection of tuberculosis in cattle?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He might have; I have not seen the report myself.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Scindhi bulls alone are liable to this disease?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, all cattle are.

The Tuckalay Sugar Factory.

227. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Tuckalay Sugar Factory is working now (11-3-'12);

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same;

(*c*) whether they have cancelled the contract regarding the working of the said factory and if so, the reasons for the same; and

(*d*) the steps taken by them in connection with the management of the factory after the cancellation of the contract?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Owing to seasonal conditions.

(*c*) Not so far.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), the question does not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the period for which the factory has not been working?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): From about the middle of September, it has not been working.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members will please speak up.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the nature of the seasonal conditions owing to which the factory could not work?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The jaggery season was over, and the next jaggery season has not yet begun.

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